

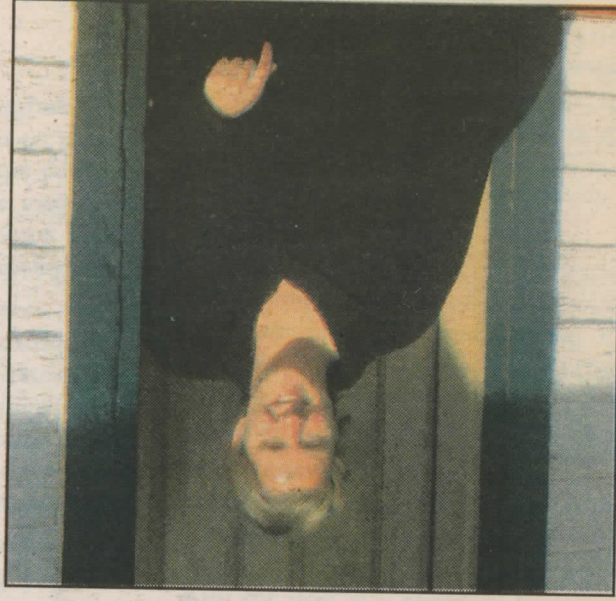
# Art Is Alive And Well in Wasatch County

Local entrepreneur, Lynette Livingston, is in the business of budding artistry

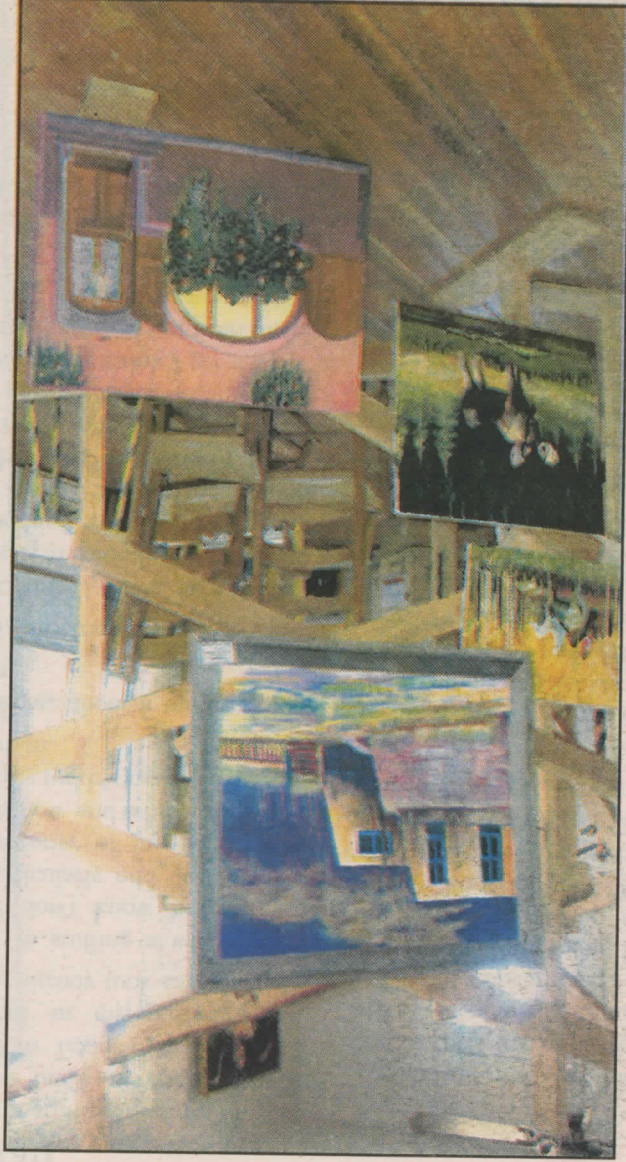
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Anyone who has ever walked into a typical art gallery, found a piece they wished to take home and then looked at the price tag, probably found they would have to give up that much needed spring vacation in order to have a funky piece of art that wouldn't look good in their living room, anyway. Heber City resident, Lynette Livingston is quite familiar with this scenario, and in what might be called a form of retaliation, she chose to open a gallery that would benefit the art buyer with a budget.

Art of the Earth is a gallery located in Heber Old Town which features exclusively student and local unknown artists. Art of the Earth doesn't just provide an opportunity to purchase art at a reasonable price; it also provides the opportunity to create art. Recently, Livingston decided to expand the boundaries established by other galleries.



Lynette Livingston, owner of Art of the Earth.



Unique paintings galore at Art of the Earth featuring work by local art talent.

"We had a lot of people ask about classes, particularly for children," says Livingston, when asked what started her efforts to create a schedule of classes that will benefit people from all walks of life. She also says, "The main focus of the gallery is going to be like an 'artist center'" which will not only include classes on how to create art, but will also offer studio space available for rent. Also in the works is a full-time "paint your own ceramics" area that will be open to anyone interested in using some of their creative energy.

In order to create a casual atmosphere where customers feel comfortable "hanging out" for any length of time, Heber Old Town's Munchie Mansion will be available to fill orders for a variety of snacks and drinks. Livingston hopes this will help keep the creative juices flowing freely.

Though she is still looking for teachers to cover some of the classes on the preliminary schedule, Livingston feels that this won't be a problem considering all of the talent hidden away in the valley. The adult class schedule will include classes such as An Evening of Van Gogh, How to make Stained Glass at home without the use of any major equipment, Watercolor Painting, Pottery and Furniture Painting. There will also be art classes for children of all ages.







**Inspirational pieces of pottery on display by various local artists.**

JoAnn McDonald, an art teacher in Park City, and BYU student, Todd Orchard, are two of the teachers Livingston has secured for the classes at Art of the Earth. Livingston feels that "What this area really needs is an artist's community. There is some incredible talent in Park City and the Heber Valley. Why not bring them all together?" Though Art of the Earth is currently open for business, a grand opening is scheduled for December 4, to celebrate its recent move into a larger space.

Art of the Earth is located in Heber's Old Town Village. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 am-6:00 p.m. New artists are always welcome to inquire. 